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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: BRANIFF SCHEDULES

REF: STATE 108440; STATE 106071

1. ON MAY 13 MINISTER CABELA OF ECUADOREAN EMBASSY/
WASHINGTON INDICATED THAT HE CONTACTED ECUADORIAN
AUTHORITIES CONCERNING MUTUAL PROBLEMS RELATING TO AIRLINE
PERMITS AND SCHEDULES AND SUGGESTED POSSIBILITY OF EARLY
INFORMAL TALKS BETWEEN DGCA SUAREZ AND U.S. AUTHORITIES
EITHER IN WASHINGTON OR IN QUITO. HE EXPECTS REPLY IN NEXT
SEVERAL DAYS. WE BELIEVE INFORMAL MEETING OR EVEN FORMAL
CONSULTATIONS COULD BE PRODUCTIVE IN EXPLORING AMONG OTHER
MATTERS ECUADOREAN INTENTIONS RE BRANIFF'S JUNE 1 SCHEDULES
AND IN SHAPING OUR OWN DECISION RE ECUATORIANA'S JUNE 3
SCHEDULE APPLICATION.

2. SINCE ECUADOREAN DECISION RE BRANIFF'S SCHEDULES MAY
NOT BE TAKEN UNTIL SHORTLY BEFORE JUNE 1 DEADLINE, AND ANY
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U.S. DENIAL OF ECUATORIANA'S SCHEDULE INCREASES (THROUGH

PART 213 ACTION) WOULD REQUIRE AT LEAST TEN DAYS TO IMPLEMENT, WE MUST TAKE STEPS NOW TO BE READY TO RETALIATE IN THE EVENT OF POSSIBLE ECUADORIAN REFUSAL OF

BRANIFF'S SCHEDULE APPLICATION. ACCORDINGLY, CAB IS SENDING TO PRESIDENT FOR REVIEW A PROPOSED ORDER DENYING INCREASE IN ECUATORIANA'S JUNE 3 SCHEDULES. IF BRANIFF'S SCHEDULES ARE APPROVED, CAB ORDER WOULD BE WITHDRAWN. ECUADOREAN AUTHORITIES HAVE NOT BEEN INFORMED OF POSSIBLE PART 213 ACTION.

3. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO INFORMALLY SOUND OUT ECUADOREAN INTENTIONS WITH RESPECT BRANIFF'S JUNE 1 SCHEDULES. WITHOUT IMPLYING ANY THREATS, EMBASSY MAY MENTION THAT WE HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH APPROVING ECUATORIANA,S SCHEDULES, BUT WE FEEL CONSTRAINED FROM DOING SO UNTIL ECUADOREANS GIVE POSITIVE RESPONSE TO BRANIFF'S APPLICATION. EMBASSY MAY ALSO SUGGEST, IF SUBJECT ARISES, THAT DEPARTMENT AND CAB WOULD BE AMENABLE TO HOLDING TALKS WITH SUAREZ PER PARA 1 ABOVE. KISSINGER

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